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WEST INDIES.

Reports from Barbados—Inspection of vessels—Fumigation of vessels to kill mosquitoes—Quarantine against Grenada raised—Examination of laborers for Canal Zone—Detention of Portuguese schooner Vera Cruz Sixth—Smallpox reported at Georgetown, British Guiana.

Assistant Surgeon Ward reports, July 27 and August 1, 3, and 8, as follows:

During the week ended July 22, 1905, bills of health were issued to 6 steamships and 1 sailing vessel, with 234 crew, 77 cabin and 123 steerage passengers. Of this number I inspected 4 steamships, 1 sailing vessel, 172 crew, and 123 steerage passengers. There were 4 crew, 38 cabin and 81 steerage passengers taken on at this port.

On July 17 I viséed the bill of health of the Republic of Panama issued to the Royal Mail steamship *Trent*, bound to Colon, via other ports on the Caribbean Sea, with 138 crew, 24 laborers, and passengers. There were 31 certificates of vaccination issued to deck passengers for Colon.

For the two weeks ended July 22 I examined 274 men to ascertain their fitness to act as laborers for work on the Panama Canal and rejected 30.

On July 21 I fumigated, to kill mosquitoes, the British steamship *Polycarp* from Manaos via Para, in water ballast, with 33 crew, all well, bound to Galveston, Tex.

The quarantine of this port against Grenada, West Indies, was raised on the 26th instant.

During the week an application for a bill of health was made by the Portuguese schooner *Vera Cruz Sixth*, which arrived at this port in ballast the 9th instant from St. Vincent, Cape de Verde Islands, to take the cargo and passengers from the Portuguese brigantine *Vera Cruz Third*, which arrived at Barbados in distress June 5, with a cargo of whalebones and copper and 49½ steerage passengers from St. Vincent and Brava, Cape Verde Islands, bound to New Bedford, Mass. On inspection of *Vera Cruz Sixth* she was found to be in poor sanitary condition, and the steerage-passenger accommodations were not in accordance with Paragraph 11, United States Quarantine Regulations, so that with the hearty cooperation of the consul the bill of health was withheld until such time as the vessel could be placed in the best sanitary condition.

The general health of this island continues good; no quarantinable diseases have been reported.

During the week ended July 29, 1905, bills of health were issued to 4 steamships and 1 sailing vessel, with 159 crew, 16 cabin, and 7 steerage passengers. Of this number I inspected 2 steamships, 65 crew, and 7 steerage passengers. There were 3 crew, 11 cabin, and 7 steerage passengers taken on at this port.

It is rumored that there are 2 cases of smallpox in Georgetown, British Guiana, commonly known as Demerara. While this information was received on fair authority, I have not been able to confirm it as yet.

The general health of Barbados continues good; no quarantinable diseases have been reported.

During the week ended August 5, 1905, bills of health were issued to 4 steamships and 2 sailing vessels, with 203 crew, 13 cabin and 43 steerage passengers. Of this number I inspected 3 steamships, 82 crew, and 43 steerage passengers. There were 9 cabin and 9 steerage passengers taken on at this port.

On July 31 I viséed the bill of health of the Republic of Panama, issued to the Royal Mail steamship *Orinoco* bound to Colon, via other ports on the Caribbean Sea, with 126 crew, 24 laborers, and passengers. There were 22 certificates of vaccination issued to deck passengers for Colon and 250 to laborers recruited for work on the Panama Canal.

For the two weeks ended August 5 I examined 102 men to ascertain their fitness to act as laborers for work on the Panama Canal and rejected 17.

During the month of July, 1905, there was a total rainfall of 19 inches. The maximum temperature for the month was 87° F.; on the 23d the mean, 80° F., and the minimum, 73° F., on the 28th. The average velocity of the wind per hour was 10.4 miles.

On August 3 I fumigated, to kill mosquitoes, the British steamship *Basil* from Manaos, via Para, in water ballast with 39 crew, all well, bound to Galveston, Tex.

The general health of this island continues good; no quarantinable diseases have been reported.

Certificates of vaccination of emigrants for the Canal Zone, month of July, 1905.

Date.	Vessel.	Number vaccinated.	Number recently successfully vaccinated.	Total for steamship.	Total for month.
July 3	Atrato.....	178	60	238
17	Trent.....	12	19	31
31	Orinoco.....	194	78	272	541

Report from Castries, St. Lucia Island—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Fricks reports, August 5, as follows:

Week ended August 5, 1905: Supplemental bills of health issued, 3; vessels fumigated, 0.

During the month of July there were 40 deaths among a population of 20,000; none due to a quarantinable disease.

The sanitary condition of the port continues good.

FOREIGN AND INSULAR STATISTICAL REPORTS OF COUNTRIES AND CITIES—UNTABULATED.

AUSTRALIA—*New South Wales—Sydney*.—Month of April, 1905. Estimated population, 518,570. Total number of deaths, 453, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 3, plague 2, and 36 from tuberculosis.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY—*Brünn*.—Month of June, 1905. Estimated population, 95,342. Total number of deaths, 242, including diphtheria 1, scarlet fever 3, whooping cough 1, and 73 from tuberculosis.